

County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Student Professional Development Program

2016-2017 Academic Year

Complete this form for each discipline to be placed at this agency:

Service
Area

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☐ Psychology

☐ Practicum

☐ Externship

☐ Internship

☒ Social Work

☐ Specialization : _____

☒ Macro/Administrative

☐ Nursing

☐ Marriage Family Therapist

☐ Occupational Therapy

☐ Other (specify): _____

DMH Agency:	Office of the Medical Director
DMH Agency Address:	550 S. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90020
DMH Agency Liaison:	Hector B. Reyes
New or Returning:	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Returning
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Agency ADA accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No" identify:

Student Requirements:

How many positions will you have?	1 - 3
Beginning and ending dates:	Academic Year

Student Schedule:

<i>Please indicate days and times students should be available to provide services, including mandatory staff meetings (SM), training seminars (TR), supervision (SUP), etc.</i>	
Monday	Business Hours
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Business Hours
Thursday	
Friday	Half Days (or other to be discussed)

Total hours expected to be worked per week:	As determined by program
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	None – Macro/Admin Only
Expected average consumer caseload:	None – Macro/Admin Only
What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	None – Macro/Admin Only

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Description of Site: *(Please describe the type of Agency setting and services offered)*

This placement provides a unique opportunity for interns to work at DMH headquarters and participate in a variety of “big picture” tasks, projects, committees and other assignments. Interns work closely with managers, clinicians and staff at every level as well as with divisions like Budget, Contracts, and Human Resources and other county departments (e.g. Department of Health Services, Chief Administrative Office, and Chief Information Office) plus various stakeholders including consumers, family members, and community organizations. Placement in OMD provides the macro student the exceptional experience of observing and working closely with the highest levels of management within a large (\$1.9 billion annual budget) county department.

Target population and types of services provided: *(please check all that apply)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychoeducational groups (e.g. Parenting
<input type="checkbox"/> Groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Families	<input type="checkbox"/> Brief treatment to mid-term treatment
<input type="checkbox"/> Children & Adolescents	<input type="checkbox"/> Long term treatment
<input type="checkbox"/> Adults	<input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Intervention
<input type="checkbox"/> Older Adults	<input type="checkbox"/> Screening and Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Court/Probation referred	<input type="checkbox"/> Psych Testing <i>(For psychology students only)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation/Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify):</i> N/A – Macro Placement

What are the most frequent diagnostic categories of your client population?

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) provides mental health treatment county-wide through directly operated and county contracted clinics. The most frequent diagnostic categories of DMH’s client population are psychotic disorders, mood disorders and severe anxiety disorders. However, at this internship the student will not provide direct services to clients and instead engage in macro work that may affect the service delivery to these clients.

What specific (perhaps unique) training opportunities do students have at your agency?

At OMD students participate in macro practices such as engaging in translational research to develop educational materials for clinicians, developing policies and procedures, monitoring recently implemented programs for MHSA, and developing new programs and parameters for the Department’s TeleMental Health processes that focus on Department employment and issues related to the use of human subjects in research conducted at DMH sites. Students have an opportunity to observe how micro systems and direct practice interact in a large bureaucratic system at the County, State and Federal levels.

What evidence based practices or theoretical orientations will students be exposed to at this site?

At DMH students will be exposed to macro practices focusing on systems theory in which they will have an opportunity to observe how micro systems interact in a bureaucratic agency. Students will gain experience in how civil service administrators navigate and oversee these micro systems (budget, direct client services, consumer advocacy groups, political branches, etc.) while ensuring proper linkage and communication throughout the system. Students also have opportunities to access EBP trainings as available during their internship.

Do students have the opportunity to work in a multidisciplinary team environment that includes those with lived experience?

Yes. Students will work with all types and levels of staff including: Social Workers (licensed and registered), Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Marriage and Family Therapists, Nurses, support staff, paraprofessional staff and administrators.

List locations where students will be providing services **other than agency?**

Students will have the opportunity to attend meetings at and/or visit program sites and will collaborate with other bureaucracies and organizations.

Does your agency allow students to videotape and/or audiotape clients for the purpose of presenting cases in their academic classes? Yes ☐ No ☒

Supervision:

What types of supervision will be provided for the students and what is the licensure/discipline of the supervisor? Please specify below.

Type	Hours Per Week	On Site Supervisor Degree/Discipline
Individual:	1 - 2	Licensed and registered MSW's
Group:	2 hours monthly	Registered MSW's

What is the minimum ratio of supervision to client contact hours?

N/A – Macro placement

Does your agency require a particular range of previous experience or specific prerequisite coursework? *If so please explain.*

No.

Agency Application Process

Mandatory requirements: *Only students from academic institutions who have a current affiliation agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health may be extended a placement opportunity. All students are processed through Human Resources Bureau. All prospective interns must obtain live scan clearance. All interns are required to complete a mandatory HIPAA Compliance and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training (for line staff) as part as the terms of their internship.*

DMH Staff completing this form: Hector B. Reyes, MS

Title: HPA II

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Electronic Signature: Hector B. Reyes

Date: 3/9/15